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SUBJ: SIHANOUK INTERVIEW WITH INDIAN EXPRESS CORRESPONDENT

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1. INDIAN EXPRESS CORRESPONDENT B. K. TIWARI PASSED US CONGENOFF COPY OF SECOND SET OF SIHANOUK'S ANSWERS CABLED FROM PEKING APR 18 REPLYING TO TIWARI'S INTERVIEW QUESTIONS (REFTEL). SIHANOUK'S ANSWERS WERE PEGGED TO TIWARI'S QUESTIONS RE (A) SIHANOUK'S FUTURE PLANS; (B) SIHANOUK'S VIEWS ON HOW TO SOLVE THE VIETNAM PROBLEM AND ON THE FUTURE OF INDOCHINA; (C) ANY POSSIBLE MESSAGE FROM SIHANOUK TO MRS. GANDHI; AND (D) THE POSSIBILITY OF TIWARI VISITING CAMBODIA IN NEAR FUTURE. FOLLOWING IS ROUGH TRANSLATION OF FRENCH TEXT OF SIHANOUK'S APR 18 CABLE.

2. BEGIN TRANSLATION:

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UNDERNEATH YOU WILL FIND MY ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

3. (THIRD QUESTION) I MUST REPEAT THAT HER MAJESTY IS VERY, VERY ILL. SHE WILL PERHAPS DIE SOON, BUT AT LEAST SHE WILL HAVE THE SUPREMEM JOY TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE FINAL VICTORY OF THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE OVER THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND THE LIBERATION OF PHNOM PENH. I MUST, AND IT IS MY DESIRE, TO STAY BY THE SIDE OF MY MOTHER UNTIL THE END. WHEN THE QUEEN IS NO LONGER IN THIS WORLD I WILL SPEND A FEW WEEKS IN CAMBODIA WITH MY COMPATRIOTS. AFTER THAT I WILL MAKE A LONG VOYAGE WHICH WILL TAKE ME TO ALL OF THE COUNTRIES OF ASIA, AFRICA, EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED THE FUNK AND RECOGNIZED GRUNK SINCE 1970 TO THANK THEM ONE FINAL TIME IN THE NAME OF FUNK/GRUNK AND (FAPLNC) AND TO DEDICATE OUR VICTORY WHICH IS ALSO THEIRS.

4. CAMBODIA OF FUNK/GRUNK SUPPORTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT WITHOUT RESERVATION THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE DRV AND THE PRG CONCERNING THE PROBLEM OF SVN. IN PARTICULAR WE WILL CALL FOR THE US TO IMMEDIATELY STOP ALL OF ITS INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE SVN PEOPLE WHO ARE THE ONLY ONES WITH THE RIGHT TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. THE US MUST IMMEDIATELY STOP ALL OF ITS AID TO THE GOVT AND THE ARMY OF THE QUISLING NGUYEN VAN THIEU IN SAIGON. CONCERNING THE INDOCHINA OF TOMORROW, IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE COMPOSED OF A REVOLUTIONARY AND UNITED VIETNAM AND A REVOLUTION-ARY AND NONALIGNED CAMBODIA AND OF A NON-ALIGNED LAOS. EVEN THOUGH IT WILL BE NONALIGNED, CAMBODIA WILL NOT BE CONFEDERATED WITH ITS INDOCHINESE NEIGHBORS - BUT IT WILL COOPERATE FULLY ON ALL LEVELS ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH REVOLUTIONARY VIETNAM AND THE LAOS PATRIOTIC FRONT. AS A NONALIGNED NATION CAMBODIA WILL REFUSE ALL SORTS OF ALLIANCES AND WILL NOT NOURISH ANY TYPE OF MILITARY ALLIANCE OR ANY OTHER SORT OF ALLIANCE WITH ANYONE.

5. INDIA AND CAMBODIA ARE INSEPARABLE BECAUSE THEY ARE HISTORICALLY UNITED BY CULTURARY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STRINGS FOR ALMOST TWO THOUSAND YEARS. THE MEMORY OF JAWAHARAL NEHRU AND THE VALUE OF HIS TEACHINGS, PARTICULARLY THE PANCHA SHILA FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTANCE WILL LIVE FOREVER IN US CAMBODIAN PATRIOTS WHO SUPPORT THE IDEAL OF NONALIGNMENT. HER EXCELLENCE THE PRESENT PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, MME INDIRA GANDHI FOLLOWS WITH FIDELITY THE POLITICAL

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IDEAS OF HER ILLUSTRIOUS AND LEGENDARY FATHER, BRINGS A MARKED CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN INDIA. THE RECENT DECISION OF THE INDIAN GOVT TO RECOGNIZE LEGALLY THE GRUNK IS A STRIKING TESTIMONIAL TO THE FRATERNAL FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY OF THE GREAT INDIAN PEOPLE, OF ITS GOVT, AND OF ITS PRIME MINISTER. WE THANK THEM FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS AND EXPRESS TO THEM OUR JOY AND PRIDE TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDO-CAMBODIAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

6. I WILL RECOMMEND YOUR CANDIDATURE TO GRUNK, PRESIDED OVER BY MR. KHIEU SAMPHAN IN CAMBODIA BECAUSE THE QUESTION OF THE ENTRY OF JOURNALISTS INTO CAMBODIA IS IN HIS HANDS. FRIENDLY AND FRATERNAL CONSIDERATION, NORODOM SIHANOUK. END TRANSLATION

7. COMMENT: OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS SIHANOUK'S STATEMENT RE FUTURE OF INDOCHINA THAT A NON-ALIGNED "CAMBODIA WILL NOT BE CONFEDERATED WITH ITS INDOCHINESE NEIGHBORS." SIHANOUK'S REMARK IS THUS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO A RECENT STATEMENT MADE BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL IN HONG KONG TO TIWARI WHICH ENVISAGES A CONFEDERATION OF INDOCHINA STATES IN WHICH HANOI IS TO HAVE A SPECIAL ROLE (HONG KONG 4225).  
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